

### **REMARKS**

In the present Office Action, claims 1-10 are pending and are rejected, and objection is made to claims 1 and 2. Reconsideration is requested for at least the reasons discussed hereinbelow.

The above amendment is made to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as invention. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the original specification and drawings.

Objection is made to claims 1 and 2. It is believed that the above amendment overcomes the objection.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Examiner alleges that the disclosure is not enabling and questions how the droplet lands in two different areas with different contact angles. The specification teaches how to make the pattern forming substrate with reference to Figs. 3(a) - 3(d) by describing an example at page 20, line 16 through page 21, line 22. Further, illustration of a droplet landing in two different areas can be found in Figs. 6(b) and 8(b).

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would be enabled to practice the present invention.

Claims 1-10 also are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. This rejection is not fully understood. The examiner states that "[t]here must be a process made to the substrate to make it part lyophobic and part lyophilic." Applicants agree and have taught an example of such a process, as explained above. Manufacturing, *per se*, of the pattern forming substrate is not being claimed. If the examiner intends to maintain this rejection, Applicants request that the Examiner explain the reasons for rejection in more detail so that they can respond appropriately. Applicants further suggest that the Examiner call their undersigned attorney to discuss this issue.

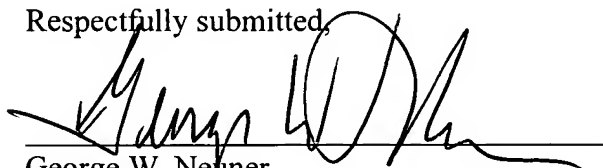
In view of the amendment and discussion above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly requested.

The Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. The Applicant, however, conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

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Respectfully submitted,



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